



## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

### In the Disclosure

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The participant 116 receives the electronic mail with the ID from the host 122 of the prize, respectively (S204). After the participants 116 read the respective electronic mail sent to them mails, they reply the electronic mail mails to the ID (electronic mail addresses) (S206). Thus, the participant 116 who replied the electronic mail will become eligible to win the 30 prize con petition. In the reply mail, nothing is written to the text, and the words to the effect that they want to apply for the prize competition may be written in the title or subject. However, it is not always necessary to fill in such words.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The host 122 receives the electronic mail sent back from the participant 116 by an account ~~of~~ especially provided for the ID (electronic mail address) ~~especially provided~~. Here, by setting this ID ~~in tea~~ to a large number of digits, false application for the lottery by a person other than the participants 116 is made very difficult to get admitted into the lottery. This is true even where a person uses such devices as random number generators or a random IDs. Thus, security of the system can be strengthened. If a person other than the participant 116 applies for the lottery by a random ID, a probability that this ID is the issued one becomes very low. When the electronic mail is received with an account ~~of~~ provided for the ID (electronic mail address), the participant corresponding to the ID is recognized as the participant 116. Moreover, based on the address ~~expressing to whom the electronic mail is sent~~ of the sender, which is described in a header portion of the electronic mail received, this address is confirmed to be a destination of the electronic mail for the prize competition. Thus, by using the ID and the electronic mail address of the participant 116, the discrimination of the participant may be performed. Because the ID used for the application for the prize competition is checked at the time of the first application by a participant 116, it is impossible to apply for the prize competition plural times with the same ID.